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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

It would please us to be able to come up with the material you need for the biographical memoir of Edward L. Tatum, but, as you know, Dr. Tatum did not bring early correspondence when he came to The Rockefeller University. After Dr. Tatum's death and once his brother and daughters signed a Certificate of Gift, we moved all correspondence, notebooks, slides, drawings and other papers to the archives. It was clear as we packed the materials that with the exception of laboratory notebooks none of the papers predated Dr. Tatum's arrival here.

The notebooks Dr. Barratt had borrowed while Dr. Tatum was still alive and which Dr. Barrett photocopied before returning are dated 1946-1949. We do have notebooks that are dated from 1939 to much later. I'm afraid that I'm not able to determine if they supply the dates and experimental plans you need. Even though the Tatum papers have not yet been inventoried and described they are packed so that it is possible to know what is on hand and certainly the notebooks are easily studied. You might be able to locate the details for which you are looking.

I was under the impression, from conversation with Harriet Zuckerman of Columbia University that you expected to be in New York City in July. If so, we would be pleased to make it possible for you to see and study what material we do have.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth Sternfeld

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